Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the matter of shifting the offices mentioned in the anwer, Government did not think it necessary to make an extensive examination of public opinion.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were the respective Heads of Departments consulted in the matter of shifting their respective offices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether it is the usual practice to ascertain public opinion before locating public offices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as I know public opinion has not been taken in locating public offices.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether by this re-adjustment effected, by having some offices at Anappara, accommodation could be found for the Trichur Magistrate's Court in some public building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't think it will be possible.

Shifting of Sirkar Primary School from Nandikara to Nellayi.

79. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have any proposal to shift the Sirkar Primary School from Nandikara to Nellayi;

(2) whether they have received any petition signed by more than two hundred people protesting against any such shifting;

(3) whether they have given any reply to that petition. and if so, what?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) No. The petition is still under consideration.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know how long this particular school has been standing at Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—About a dozen years in that particular locality.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is there any special reason for this proposal to shift this school to Nellayi?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, there are two villages adjacent to each other, the villages of Parappukkara and Nellayi. Parappukkara has two schools including the one at Nandikara. Nellayi which has got a big population has no school. I thought it was sufficient reason to take one school from a village which has got more than one and give it to the adjacent village of

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Nellayi which has got no school. After all, the distance between the present location and the future location of the school is only about seven furlongs.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether there is any school at Rappal and other desoms?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—My knowledge of the names of these desoms is very limited and I want notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Are they nearer to Nellayi or Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am afraid that I have to fall upon the Revenue Member. My knowledge of the Geography is confined to registers and books.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They are nearer to Nandikara than to Nellayi.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is the Government aware that there are a large number of Depressed Class students at Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes, quite obviously.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is there a Paraya Colony at Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is one.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will it not be necessary for the Government to start another school there, if the present school is shifted, at least for the sake of the Depressed Classes?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot say anything about the special school for the Depressed Classes. All I can say is that the strength as it is, consists of all sorts of classes. Of the strength of the school I find a good percentage is drawn from the village of Nellayi and a certain portion of the remaining strength will not feel the shifting of the school to Nellayi at all because the distance is only half a mile from both the places and half a mile will not be arbitrary. So that whether they walk half a mile towards Nellayi or half a mile towards Nandikara, does not matter much.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know what percentage of students come from Nellayi?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is about 30 per cent.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know what is the report of the Head Master of the school with ragard to this?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The site was selected in consultation with the Head Master.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know who the Head Master is and what his native place is?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information and I want notice.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Director, or the Chief Engineer or his subordinates, inspect the building in the locality ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I inspected the locality and found it unsuitable for more reasons than one. The building is a dilapicated one and is falling down. The Engineering Department had to withhold the rent certificate.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Are the Government proposing to construct a new building?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Cannot they construct a new building at Nandikara?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I never said that that was the reason for shifting the school from Nandikara to Nellayi. As a matter of fact the Member for Nellayi wanted the information and I gave the information.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the strength of the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is about 200.

Raising of pay of Police officers.

80. Mr. Paul Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is there a proposal to raise the scale of pay of the District Superintendents of Police ;

(b) is there a proposal to raise the pay of the Prosecuting Inspector of Police ;

(c) is the maximum pay of the Prosecuting Inspector of Police the same as the minimum pay of the District Superintendent of Police ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) The question of raising the scale of pay of the District Superintendents of Police will be considered after the question of investing them with increased powers is decided.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know how long this question has been pending with the Commissioner of Police or the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—With the Government for nearly three months.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has the Commissioner of Police submitted any definite proposals regarding the question of investing the D. S. Ps. with additional powers?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, I have expressed my opinion.

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